Dual Pricing Policy for Essential Commodities

1899. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the extension of dual pricing policy of all the essential commodities including agricultural items in the proposed administered prices policy; and

(b) if so, by when the said policy is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A discussion paper on Administered Price Policy has been presented to the Pariament on 4-8.86. It does not cover pricing of agricultural commodities, on which the Ministry of Agriculture is preparing a separate paper.

Customer service by the nationalised banks

1900. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Working Group has been set up to go into the question of customer service by the nationalised banks; and

(b) if so, what are its latest recommendations and what steps have been taken by Government to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The measures to improve the quality of Customer Service by the banks are under continual consideration of Government/Reserve Bank of India/Public Sector Banks. Several measures have been taken by the banks in the last one year towards better Customer Service. No Working Group as such, however, has been set up by the Government to consider the matter.

(b) Does not arise.

1901. [*Transferred to the 11th August*, 1986.]

Mohan Meakin Limited

1902. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount towards excise duty is outstanding against Mohan Meakin Breweries; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) since when the excise duty is outstanding; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take for the recovery of the outstanding excise duty from the Mohan Meakin Breweries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Confirmed demands for amount of Rs. 32,77,889.22 Ps. are pending recovery from M/s. Mohan Meakin Breweries from 4-4-1978.

(c) The recovery of the amount has been stayed by Court. Application for vacation of stay has been filed by the Department.

Harassment to Sikhs residing in North America

1903. DR. H. P. SHARMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 13th July, 1986 to the effect that Sikh residents in North